

# Editorial Rebuttal Project defended

By Mark Solomon

I want to take this opportunity to share with students the satisfaction I experienced from Guilford's willingness to contribute to making the end of starvation "an idea whose time has come." Participation in Friday's fast, in which 247 students gave up all three meals, is an absolute acknowledgement that Guilford can make a difference towards ending hunger on the planet.

However, a recent editorial in the *Guilfordian* has raised many questions about The Hunger Project, especially concerning its relationship to est and Werner Erhard, the integrity of The Hunger Project, and its contribution towards ending world hunger.

I want to tell you the truth about the primary source of information, *Mother Jones Magazine*, used to write the editorial in last week's *Guilfordian*. The article in the December, 1978 issue contained false and misleading statements about The Hunger Project.

The misleading information deals primarily with Werner Erhard and his relationship to The Hunger Project. As a founder and primary initial spokesman for The Hunger Project, Erhard played a major role in The Project during its initial phase, February-November 1977.

Since that time, Erhard's role has been one of consultant and adviser to the Project. Erhard, along with other Hunger Project representatives, met with the Prime Minister and other leading government officials of India in 1977, and participated with Joan Homes, (the executive director of The Hunger Project), and Dr. Roy Prosterman, (a consultant on world hunger issues), in a recent meeting with European scientists and political leaders at the Yassa Institute.

The Project is an independent legal entity. It was incorporated as a non-profit charitable corporation on October 25, 1977. It is neither controlled by, nor tied to, any other organization, group, corporation, or individual, including est. The Hunger Project benefits from the support and generosity of a number of organizations. In particular, the est organization has provided substantial support.

The Hunger Project is aware that many est graduates feel great enthusiasm for the est training. On their own initiative, they frequently have invited others to consider taking est training. This practice has never in any way been directed, advocated, or endorsed by The Hunger Project.

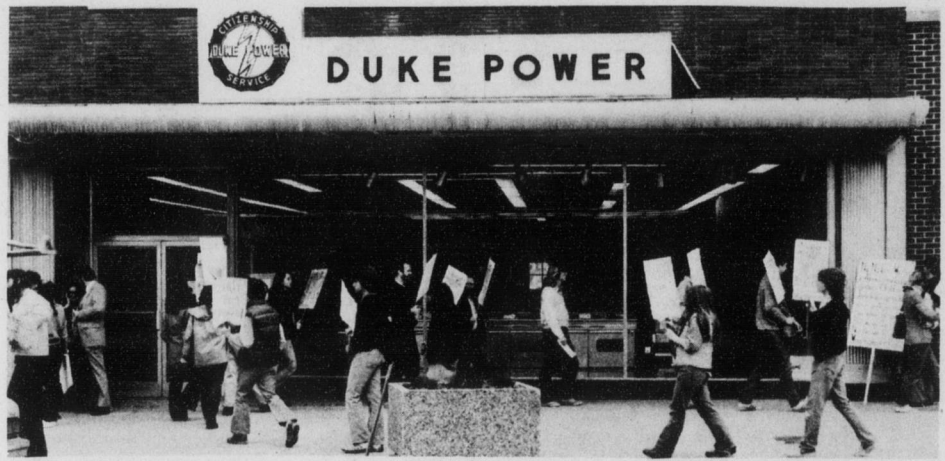
Since the inception of The Project, est has encouraged its graduates to enroll in The Hunger Project. Thus, while it may be accurately said that est served as a recruitment vehicle for The Hunger Project, The Hunger Project has never been a "recruitment arm" for est.

The fundamental operating principle of The Hunger Project is that the will or commitment to end hunger resides only within individuals; therefore, The Hunger Project exists to support individuals in experiencing and expressing their personal responsibility for making the end of hunger an "idea whose time has come."

There are those who question whether the idea of spreading consciousness and creating an atmosphere where people can take responsibility for hunger is an effective means towards ending starvation. This question can only be answered with the fact that over 100,000 people are enrolling in The Hunger Project each month.

Another example of The Hunger Project's effectiveness was an advertisement which was placed in ten major newspapers, costing The Hunger Project approximately \$80,000, which was responsible for raising over \$1,000,000 in direct aid for relief in Cambodia.

The Hunger Project is an effective means towards ending starvation on our planet. A significant part of our campus has already demonstrated their willingness to make a difference with hunger.



## No more nukes!

Over forty persons from the Greensboro community, including many from the Guilford College Community, picketed Duke Power's downtown Greensboro offices last Friday to express dissatisfaction with current energy policies on the first anniversary of the Three Mile Island accident in Harrisburg, Pa.

Seven groups, including

UNC-G and Guilford PIRG's, the Sierra Club, the Audobon Society, People's Alliance, the Coalition for Safe Energy, and the League of Women Voters, participated in the demonstration. They called not for an immediate shutdown of nuclear power plants, but for a phase-out and immediate investment in alternatives and conservation.

The downtown Duke Power Office was the site for the pickets and speeches. . .

Photos by Brian Carey

. . . and many Guilford College Community people braved the weather to commemorate TMI.



## Letters to the Editor

All Letters must be submitted to the *Guilfordian* at Box 17717 by Friday night, and should be no longer than 200 words. Names may be withheld if requested by the author in person or in writing.

### Prison letters

Dear Editor:

I am a prisoner on death row at the Arizona State Prison and I was wondering if you could do me a favor. I have been here a long time and I have no family or friends on the outside to write to, so I was wondering if you could run a small ad in your campus newspaper for correspondence. I know you aren't a pen pal cub, but I would sure appreciate your help.

Since I don't know if you have a regular paper or not, I will make up a small ad and then, if you need to change it or whatever you need to do, just go ahead.

Death row prisoner age 30, white male, desires correspondence with either male or female college students. Would like to form friendly type relationship and more or less share experiences. Will answer all letters.

If interested write: Lee McVay 39477, Arizona State Pri-

son, Box 629, Florence, Az., 85232.

Sincerely yours,  
Lee McVay

### Please register

Dear Editor:

I and four of my colleagues researched voter registration among youth. Our research consisted of information gathering and a subsequent field study. Two facts from the Census Bureau underlined the inquiry: percentage-wise, youth register less compared to other age groups; and percentage-wise, of those registered, youth vote less compared to other age groups.

In talking with students, I found the four main reasons for non-participation are: don't have time, lack of good candidates, unimportance of their vote, and don't know how to register.

These are not good reasons. Registering and voting takes

very little time, and is very important in determining a responsive government. This year, at least, there is one good candidate -- John Anderson. His credentials are impressive. His stands on the issues are intelligent and forthright. His optimistic attitude toward youth is refreshing.

Individual votes are important, as this is the way your viewpoint is "tallied up" with other viewpoints, alike and different, to form a consensus in electing officials. As shown above, youth is very under-represented. In this respect, your vote is even more important since it helps to correct the situation.

Registering to vote is easy. It takes just a few minutes. Call the County Board of Elections to find out where to register by April 8. As the beneficiaries of this country's future, let's resolve now to become more visible in the election process.

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